



Crows Nest State School

Religious Instruction

Statement of intent

Legislation provides that within a specific time period each week approved instructors, who are religious leaders or accredited representatives of a faith group, are able to provide religious instruction to students to develop and support particular beliefs, values and attitudes. These provisions do not extend to students in preparatory year.

At Crows Nest State School Denominational Religious Instruction Programs are conducted by a team of lay people for one 35 minute session each week. All children participate unless parents request otherwise. All denominations represented in the area agreed to this form of education.

Records are kept of the religious denominations, or otherwise, of every child enrolled at the school. It is expected that children will attend Religious Instruction classes each Thursday. Where a parent wishes any change in Religious Denomination or withdrawal from instruction, such a request must be made in writing.

Parents retain the right at all times to determine if their child is to be a participant of religious instruction.

All parents at enrolment, and on request, are required to complete a Parent Notice form. All students will participate in religious instruction unless written notice has been received requesting the withdrawal of the child/ren from the program.

Parents

- Will need to provide written notice of consent to have child/ren participate in another program of religious instruction when they are not a member.
- May withdraw their child/ren from participating in religious instruction.
- Are advised that their consent will remain operational unless they issue a **written notice of withdrawal** for their child.
- Will be advised of **alternative activities** provided for students who do not participate in religious instruction by class teachers.

The school will:

- Inform parent/s who provide/s **notice of a religion** that their child will be placed into a program of that faith group (if available). In situations when such programs are delivered in a cooperative arrangement, the school will inform parent/s of all other participating faith groups.
- Retain record of all parent notifications.
- Allocate 35 minutes per week for religious instruction or an amount of time that is equivalent at another time during the term and make it known to all coordinators of religious instruction programs.
- Monitor school activities offered to students not attending religious instruction so students who attend religious instruction do not experience educational disadvantage.
- Direct promptly to relevant coordinator all parental queries, concerns or complaints relating to religious instruction in a single or cooperative arrangement or its implementation.

Programs of Religious Instruction

Title of Program Delivered at School Authorised by Relevant Faith Group/s.	Single (list faith group) or Cooperative (list all faith groups who are members of cooperative) Arrangement for Delivering Program	Name of Program's Coordinator
Anglican / Lutheran	Anglican / Lutheran	Loretta Fletcher Felicity Crosato
Catholic	Catholic	Val Bowe
Uniting	Uniting	Rev Lesley Holt
Assembly of God	Assembly of God	David Davies